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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is filed in response to the Interview Summary mailed September 9, 2003.

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On September 9, 2003, Examiner Tan-Uyen T. (Jackie) Ho and the undersigned conducted a telephonic interview concerning the May 21, 2003 Office Action and Applicants' Response filed August 21, 2003. Specifically, the discussion concerned

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whether the Lenker et al. patent (USP 5,824,041) described or taught a bumper member "having a blunt edge disposed adjacent the proximal end of the prosthesis for preventing axial displacement of the prosthesis upon retraction of the tubular member with respect to the bumper member," as recited in claims 1 and 9 of the present application. Applicants' undersigned representative stated that, as stated in Applicants' August 21, 2003 Response, the Lenker et al. patent described neither a blunt edge nor that such a blunt edge was disposed adjacent the proximal end of the prosthesis. Examiner Ho agreed that the proximal anchor (258) described in the Lenker et al. patent was not located adjacent the proximal end of the prosthesis.

Respectfully submitted,

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